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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP FROM THE APRIL 8 P5 PLUS 1 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING ON IRAN

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Classified By: CDA Christopher Henzel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (S) CDA made reftel points April 16 in a meeting with Foreign Minister Khalid bin Ahmad Al Khalifa. Also attending were MFA aide Amb. Saeed Al Faihani, and Bahrain's visiting Washington Ambassador Houda Nonoo.

¶2. (S) Shaikh Khalid agreed to our request that Bahrain support publicly the P-5 plus 1 approach to Iran. He said he would also privately urge the Iranians to accept it. He asked the U.S. to support the P5 plus1/GCC-plus format, and hoped that it would eventually be taken a step further to include Iran, &but it,s still probably too early for that.<sup>8</sup>

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